Visit of NTC Experts to West European countries

1000. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a team of technical and commercial experts of the National Textiles Corporation visited some of the West European countries to explore the possibilities of exporting various items manufactured by mills under it; and

(b) if so, which of the countries responded to the visit favourably?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) A team of two officers of NTC (holding Company), New Delhi visited Frankfurt (West Germany) to participate in the 54th InterStaff fair held from 29th to 31st October, 1985.

(b) NTC has obtained firm commitments for about 1.5 lakh mtrs. Of sheeting from United Kingdom. Further enquiries received from Italy, West Germany and United Kingdom in respect of sheeting flannel cloth. pocket lining etc. are in process.

Jute mills in Howrah district of West Bengal

1001. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of jute mills in Howrah district of West Bengal and who are the owners of these mills;

(b) what was the total value of their business transactions during the last five years and the quantum of their export earnings during the said period;

(c) how many workers and employees have been retrenched by the said jute mills during the last five year (1980-85) and the present strength of their working force; and

(d) what amount of money has been received by these companies established in Howrah from the Union Government on different heads, like modernisation export subsidy, freight concession etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) to (d) There are eleven working Jute Mills in Howrah District including one mill in the public sector. The rest of the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Trade Development Office at New York

1002. SHRI GULAM-MOHD-UD-DIN SHAWL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are two Regional Directors posted at the office of the Trade Development Authority, New York and if so, what is the justification of posting an IAS Officer who was proposed to be posted at Brussels;

(b) what is the TA/DA amount claimed by the two officers and also trunk telephone call bills pertaining to office and also the residences of each officer for each month during last two years;

(c) whether any of them has visited the Latin American countries for export promotion during the last two years and if so, the result thereof; and

(d) whether any review of these two officers and of the Trade Development Authority office at New York has been done and if so, the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) One Regional Director and one Resident Di-

rector are there in the office of the Trade Development Authority at new York. To exploit the export potential in USA and to co-oridinate the export promotion activities in that region, it was found necessary to transfer the post of Trade Commissioner, Brussels to New York. The post of Regional Director is being held by an Officer of Indian Administrative Service.

(b) The Statement indicating the expenditure incurred on TA/DA and telephone bills are enclosed as annexures I and II.

(c) Neither of Officers has visited Latin America for export promotion work during the last two years.

(d) Periodical review of the progress of work of the New York office is made. The office has been given targets in terms of buyer contacts, export orders, enquiries, despatch of samples, preparation of market and product reports, department store promotions, sponsoring of buyers' missions etc. The progress of work towards the achievements of the above targets is satisfactory.

Annexure—I

Expenditure on TA/DA on Resident Director and Regional Director for the period October, 1983 to September, 1985

	Exp. on TA/DA on Resident Director for the period October, 1983 to Sept. 1985 US $	Exp. on TA/DA on Regional Director for the period October 83 to Sept. 85 US $
October, 1983	..	..
November, 1983	248.00	..
December, 1983	677·40	..
January, 1984	130·00	.
February, 1984	758 80	.
March, 1984	1153·90+	.
	1014·00	.
	3982·10	..
April, 1984	533·46	..
May, 1984	..	556·10
June, 1984	.	244·00
July, 1984	1188·70	1330·55
August, 1984	660·00	902·20
Sept, 1984	1633·73	1679·14
October, 1984	820·00	593·48
November, 1984	536·00	..
December, 1984	901·54	943·12
January, 1985	..	.
February, 1985	688·00	974·70
March, 1985	2105·53	279·81
	9066·96	7503·10
April, 1985	..	288·00
May, 1985	..	1656·71
June, 1985	.	738·47
July, 1985	1661·80	..
August, 1985	793·40	..
September, 1985	.	2880·29
	2455·20	5563·47

Annexure—I

Expenditure on Telephone Calls both for Resident Director and Regional Director for the period October, 1983 to September, 1985

Exp. on telephone ch. on Resident Director's office for the period October, 1983 to September, 1985		Exp on telephone ch. on Regional Director's Office for the period October, 1983 to September, 1985		
Residential Tel. Ch. Including Rental Ch. U S $		Total Official Tel. Ch. including Rental Charges US $	Residential Tel. Ch. including Rental Charges US $	Total Official Tel. Ch. including Rental Charges US $
October, 1983	68·91	633·18	..	..
November, 1983	58·47	701·16	..	..
December, 1983	66·82	743·05	..	..
January, 1984	36·41	540·92	..	..
February, 1984	169·31	679·96	..	..
March, 1984	64·95	524·18+	..	..
		834·50	..	..
TOTAL	464·87	4656·95		
April, 1984	122·41	..	..	..
May, 1984	185·22	1001·05	..	..
June, 1984	130·32	1096·49	316·44	..
July, 1984	77.84	..	140·80	..
August, 1984	69·14	1452·96+	74·28	59·47
		1034·99		
September, 1984	111·70	714·13	..	96·22
October, 1984	164·19	947·52	201·59	60·69
November, 1984	276·95	697·20	204·71	63·75
December, 1984	217·02	706·46	150·50	133·05
January, 1985	108·72	622·54	207·96	134·31
February, 1985	37·99	551·56+	181·43	161·46
		244·76		
March, 1985	337·90	1757·80	482·44	621·50
TOTAL	1839·40	10827·46	1960·15	1330·45

Exp. on telephone ch. on Resident Director's Office for the period October, 1983 to Sept. 1985			Exp. on telephone ch. on Resident Directors Office for the period October, 1983 to Septembdr, 1985	
Residential Tel. Ch. Including Rental Ch. US $	Total Official Tel. Ch. including Rental Charges US $	Residential Tel. Ch. including Rental Ch. US $	Total Official Tel. Ch. including Rental Ch. US $	
April, 1985	..	73·85	..	..
May, 1985	47·74	935·23	195·34	87·52
June, 1985	133·50	859·25	319·42	120·54
July, 1985	110·11	792·22	398·10	223.54+78.77
August, 1985	115·14	472·72	172·94	848·01
September, 1985	12·12	97·92	326 43	325·48
TOTAL .	418·61	3701·24	1412·23	1683·86

गुजरात माण्डवी कच्छ पर्यटक केन्द्र का निर्माण

1003. **श्री मीर्जा इर्शादबेग** : क्या **संसदीय कार्य और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गुजरात - माण्डवी - कच्छ पर्यटक केन्द्र के निर्माण के संबंध में कोई मांग की गई है, यदि हां तो उस पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ; और

(ख) निर्माण कार्य के कब तक आरम्भ हो जाने की संभावना है ?

संसदीय कार्य और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री एच० के० एल० भगत) : (क और (ख) गुजरात में माण्डवी-कच्छ पर्यटक केन्द्र के निर्माण का कोई प्रस्ताव पर्यटन विभाग को प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है ।

Commercial concerns which have not discharged export obligations

1004. SHRI GULAM-MOHI-UD DIN SHAWL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Qestion 306 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1985 regarding Commercial concerns in Bombay, Madras and Banglore which have not discharged export obligations under advance licences granted for import of duty free raw silk yarns and state:

(a) what action has been taken against the said concerns separately in Bombay, Madras and Bangalore; and

(b) what are the names of the defaulting firms in Calcutta and Delhi which have not fulfilled their obligations for raw silk and silk yarns?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The requisite information is being collected from the concerned licensing authorities and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

(b) Details in respect of defaulting firms in Calcutta are given in the Statement. In respect of firm in Delhi, requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.